

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-64 were pending in the above-referenced patent application as filed. In an Office Action dated January 28, 2005, the Examiner determined that restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 was proper, and required the Applicants to elect between the following groups of claims:

- Group I.        Claims 1-24 and 61-64, drawn to a plurality of metal fibers and a battery plate made of plurality of metal fibers, classified in class 429, subclass 208.
- Group II.       Claims 25-34, drawn to a method of milling metallic fibers, classified in class 29, subclass 4.51.
- Group III.      Claims 35-60, drawn to a method of making an electrochemical cell electrode, classified in class 29, subclass 825.

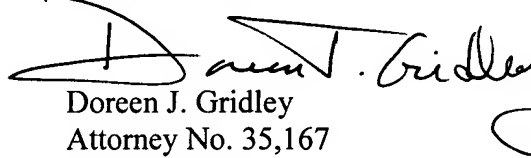
In response, the Applicants elect Claims 1-24 and 61-64 of Group I, and withdraws Claims 25-60.

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 9, 2005, indicated that a complete listing of all of the claims was not present. Accordingly, by this Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, all Claims, namely, Claims 1-64, are listed.

In the event Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need to petition for an extension of time or to pay an additional fee, Applicants conditionally petition therefor, and authorize any fee deficiency to be charged to deposit account 09-0007.

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